



SHIUX LOOKOUT
Hub of the North

Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

via Zoom

MINUTES



1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Mayor Doug Lawrance, Joyce Timpson, Aileen Urquhart, Lynmarie Manitowabi, Darlene Angecone, Chief Clifford Bull, Victor Lyon, Candace Widmeyer, Mario Rasetti

Regrets: Kelly Anderson

Staff: Michelle Larose- Resource, Tiffany Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Mayor Lawrance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Candace Widmeyer

Seconded By: Aileen Urquhart

THAT the Agenda for the April 19, 2021 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Candace Widmeyer

Seconded By: Joyce Timpson

THAT the Minutes of the March 15,2021 Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee meeting be approved.



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CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS - None

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) **Workshop Funding Update – National Indian Brotherhood Fund (NIB) Decision – Michelle Larose**

Michelle advised the Committee that the funding application through NIB was unsuccessful and that the Committee would have to look for other avenues to fund the workshop.

Lyn-marie updated the Committee that through her work, she was able to secure a contract with “Returning to Spirit” for the full 4-day workshop and is looking for a community to host the workshop.

Aileen said that she could see if the United Church would be willing to sponsor the “Seeds” Workshop that the Committee is trying to bring to Sioux Lookout and report back to the Committee.

b) **Updates on various projects that the Committee is undertaking – Joyce Timpson**

Chief Bull advised the Committee that for the Sub-Committee for the purpose of renaming Umfreville Park and other locations further on, he was able to locate a map of Lac Seul and of Northwestern Ontario with their original Ojibway names.

Michelle advised that these maps were distributed via pictures to the Sub-Committee for discussion and consideration at the next Sub-Committee meeting.



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c) Next Steps for Work Plan – Aileen Urquhart

Northway Section 1 Cemetery Memorialization Event – Michelle spoke to this and advised the Committee that staff at the Municipality would be meeting about this next week and will be reporting back to the Committee at the May meeting. The plan is to have a multi-denominational ceremony and community feast to honor all the unknown and known people buried there without a head stone in the Summer of 2022.

Develop Relationship with Nishnawbe Gamik Friendship Centre – Michelle spoke to this and advised the Committee that she had met with Jennifer Thomas, Executive Director from the Nishnawbe Gamik Friendship Centre and they had a good conversation about different initiatives that they could embark on. The first initiative was to have a Community Pow-Wow and possibly incorporating that in the Northway Cemetery Memorialization.

Michelle will follow up with Jennifer to see if this is something they are interested in doing and report back to the Committee.

Review of Municipal policies through a cultural lens – Candace spoke on this matter and wanted to know if it was possible for the Committee to make a check list to give to the Municipality so they can compare the new Policy/By-Law to the list and if it triggers a review that it is brought forward to the Committee for review and input.

Michelle advised the Committee that she believes a resolution was passed by Council that all new Policies/By-Laws will be looked out through a cultural lens and that it fits in with the Truth and Reconciliation Initiatives going forward.

Engagement with Community Groups to raise awareness of the efforts and issues of Truth and Reconciliation – Joyce spoke to this matter and advised the Committee that her and Lynmarie were going to go over to the Senior's Centre and speak with them, but due to COVID-19 happening that never could happen.

Joyce is going to be raising to the Kenora District Municipality Association that every community should be forming a committee like Sioux Lookout's Truth and Reconciliation Committee to address the issues in their respective communities between the First Nations people and Non-First Nations people that live there.



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Aileen suggested maybe reaching out to the schools, churches and Tribal Councils as other Community Groups to reach out to.

Lyn-marie suggested local business too.

Sub-Committee – review and put forward a new name for Umfreville Park – this was reviewed and commented on in item 8 (b).

Workshop – Returning to Spirit – Michelle spoke to this matter and advised that item will be left on the work plan for next year and the Committee will reapply for funding.

Flying of Lac Seul Flag – Michelle spoke to this matter and advised that they have not obtained an estimate yet for the flag pole, but she will get one for next meeting.

Chief Bull suggested that there may be some decommissioned buildings with flag poles that the Municipality could potentially purchase the flag pole from.

Aileen suggested the old QE High school as they currently have a flag pole with no flag.

Michelle advised the Committee that she would follow up with the school board and report back to the Committee next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Chief Clifford Bull

Seconded By: Joyce Timpson

THAT the April 19, meeting of the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee be adjourned at 6:20 pm.

CARRIED



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Adopted as presented this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Darlene Angecone, Chairperson

Michelle Larose, Staff Resource